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Willow Mills Miller's House
Northeast side Western
Run Road near Western Road
Not accessible
Date: ca 1850

The Willow Mills Miller's House is a one and one-half story stone house. Also known as the Denbow House, it was associated with the Willow Mills which was a combination grist and saw mill located to the north. The mill operated continuously from the 1850's until about 1936. When grist mills flourished, the miller, who was not necessarily the owner, lived adjacent to the business as did most employees of the time.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Willow Mills Miller's House

AND/OR COMMON

Russell Denbow House**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Northeast side Western Run Road near Western Road

CITY, TOWN

Cockeysville

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Russell E. DenbowTelephone #: 472-4285

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Cockeysville

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21152**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County CourthouseLiber #: 4492Folio #: 569

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The miller's house is a stone house of one and one-half storeys, the gable ends and the top few feet of the sidewalls being of frame construction, covered with aluminum siding. Five bays in length, the entrance is through the west bay on the north side. The second bay from the east end is void of openings, and other bays contain a 1/1 window -- the center one with two 1/1 windows, flanking ones with a single 1/1 window -- and in the south slope two dormer windows light the upper storey.

A one storey frame addition, one bay in length, is at the east end, and a one and one-half storey concrete block and frame addition is at the west end.

The interior is of simple, modern construction, adapted as a dwelling house.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 0-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES	Unknown	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Unknown
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Denbow House was the miller's house associated with Willow Mills, a combination grist and saw mill located immediately to the north. The mill operated continuously from the 1850's until about 1936. It appears on both the 1850 Sidney map and the 1857 Taylor map. However, the miller's house does not appear this early and thus must have been erected shortly after the mill for the use of the miller who was frequently a hired employe and not the owner himself.

The house has been flooded several times but each time it was repaired and maintained as a dwelling.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Sidney, J.C. Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland.
(Baltimore, 1850).

(see continuation sheet #1)
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 12.76 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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DATE

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CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland

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Continuation Sheet #1

Question #9 continued

Hopkins, G.M. Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland. (Philadelphia, 1877).

McGrain, John W. Heavy Industry at Davisville. (unpublished manuscript,
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